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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Deputy Director (Administration)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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25X1A 1. The attached cable concerning promotion of the writer,
25X1A [REDACTED] was discussed at length on 2
25X1A October 1952, by [REDACTED]/DDP, [REDACTED] 25X1A
25X1A President of Promotion Review Board/DDP, and [REDACTED] 25X1A
25X1A Chief of Military Personnel Division. In view of the
background of this case, as set forth below, it was the consensus
that special action to have [REDACTED] promoted is unwarranted, 25X1A
and that [REDACTED] has not been penalized by his CIA status.

25X1A 2. [REDACTED] was in the automatic zone of
consideration, along with some three thousand temporary Lieutenant
Colonels, for promotion to temporary Colonel. At the time the
board met (in 1951) he was tentatively selected for promotion,
and his name was placed on the "selected" list. However, this
list was reconsidered in 1952, and new selections were made, in
which "recent combat experience" (in Korea) was a most heavily
weighted factor in determining the final list. A considerable
number of highly qualified officers, including [REDACTED] 25X1A
25X1A [REDACTED] were thus eliminated from the final selected list recently
published by the Army.

25X1C 3. Although a recommendation for his promotion was never
submitted by CIA, it is evident that this fact had no bearing upon
the action of the Army Selection Board. A recommendation was prepared

25X1C [REDACTED]. Accordingly, a secure system was
developed for getting this type of recommendation before Army Pro-
motion Boards when in session, so that CIA relationship and service
could be divulged on a "need to know" basis and give an individual
the recognition to which he is entitled. [REDACTED] 25X1A
recommendation was reaccomplished for processing under this system. 25X1A
About this time, it was learned that [REDACTED] name
was on the tentatively selected list, and that the Army Promotion
Board was no longer in session. Therefore, the recommendation was
not submitted. The DD/P Promotion Review Board participated in all
of these actions and decisions.

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25X1A 4. Informal advice from Army G-1 to [REDACTED] indicates 25X1A that G-1 has firmly resisted pressures which have been brought to bear for reconsideration of officers who were not promoted, despite outstanding records and qualifications, because of no "recent combat experience." [REDACTED] was also informed that a number of highly qualified Lieutenant Colonels, senior to [REDACTED] and who were reduced 25X1A from temporary Colonel after the war for budgetary reasons, suffered from the same "combat criteria" and were removed from the tentatively selected Colonels list.

25X1A 5. Special action to press [REDACTED] promotion is not recommended, because it is not believed that justification is strong enough, in view of his age (37 years), permanent grade (Major, May 1951), and the fact that his standing among his contemporaries is recognized as high.

25X1A 6. Similarly, it is not believed that [REDACTED] contention - that officers are being penalized by field assignment to CIA - can be substantiated, particularly in the area of promotions which depend upon criteria covering an individual's entire military service.

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